GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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OWN FARM WATER MANAGEMENT
SUBODH ROY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the own Farm Water Management Project;

(b) the names of the States where the said project has been launched;

(c) whether the Government of Bihar has submitted its proposal for the own Farm Water Management Project; and

(d) if so, the decision taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a)&(b): In order to improve production & productivity in Eastern part of the country a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme, ` On Farm Water Management` is proposed for implementation during the IX Five Year Plan in the states of Bihar, Jharkhand,Chattisgarh, Eastern U.P. W.B. (9 districts), Arunachal Pradesh, Assam Manipur, and Mizoram. Under the scheme, financial assistance for shallow tube wells, dug wells, lift irrigation points, diesel pump sets would be provided through NABARD as credit linkedscheme. The proposed pattern of funding provides for 20% beneficiary`s contribution, 30% assistance from Government of India and 50% loan from NABARD.

(c)&(d): The Government of Bihar had submitted a proposal on Million Shallow Tubewells Scheme to the Planning Commission who suggested to this Ministry to cover this under the `On Farm Water Management Scheme`.The suggestion of the Planning Commission has been taken into account in the scheme. Besides, PlanningCommission have allocated an additional central assistance of Rs.25.5 crore to the Government of Bihar under the State Plan to implement the Million Shallow Tube Well Project.